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BUDG-1A.		Favor	Doug Bond	Support for JCOD Budget and increased funding to support staff and program in light of Prop 36 passage.
		Other	Monisha Parker	<p>Strategies to Strengthen and Reduce Expenditures for County Departments</p> <p>Public Works Optimize project planning and budgeting: Enhance project feasibility studies, value engineering, and cost-benefit analyses to identify and prioritize essential projects. Explore public-private partnerships: Collaborate with private sector firms to leverage their expertise and share project costs. Implement maintenance best practices: Improve preventative maintenance programs to extend infrastructure lifespan and reduce reactive repairs.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Increase user fees and revenue streams: Explore opportunities for revenue generation through rental fees for facilities, permits for special events, or concessions. Foster community partnerships: Partner with local organizations to support park maintenance, programming, and fundraising efforts. Optimize staffing and operations: Evaluate staffing levels, shift schedules, and implement technology to improve efficiency.</p> <p>LA County Library Digitize and share resources: Expand access to digital materials and interlibrary loan services to reduce physical book purchases. Explore collaborative acquisitions: Partner with neighboring libraries to bulk purchase materials and negotiate discounts. Streamline administrative functions: Implement automation and technology to reduce labor costs.</p> <p>Assessor Implement automated valuation models: Utilize computer-assisted mass appraisal systems to streamline property assessments. Enhance data management: Improve data collection and analysis capabilities to identify inaccuracies and reduce appeals. Optimize staffing levels: Evaluate workload and adjust staffing levels accordingly.</p> <p>Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Modernize technology systems: Upgrade IT infrastructure to automate processes and improve efficiency. Consolidate operations: Explore opportunities to merge operations with other departments, such as the Assessor's Office. Implement electronic document management: Reduce paper usage and</p>



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			<p>improve record retention.</p> <p>Board of Supervisors Reduce administrative costs: Consolidate support services, optimize office space, and negotiate cost savings on contracts. Implement performance metrics: Establish clear metrics to track and improve department productivity. Foster collaboration with other departments: Identify opportunities for cross-departmental resource sharing and cost reduction.</p> <p>Internal Services Centralize procurement: Establish a centralized procurement system to leverage volume discounts and negotiate favorable contracts. Optimize fleet management: Implement vehicle tracking systems, maintenance programs, and fuel-efficient vehicles to reduce transportation costs. Streamline technology infrastructure: Consolidate data centers, implement virtualization, and negotiate bulk discounts on software and hardware.</p> <p>Public Health Maximize grant funding: Actively pursue federal, state, and private grants to supplement funding for public health services. Partner with community organizations: Collaborate with non-profit organizations to provide services at reduced costs. Implement data-driven decision-making: Use data analytics to identify at-risk populations and target resources effectively.</p> <p>Health Services Evaluate service utilization: Analyze patient data to identify underutilized services and optimize staffing levels. Implement telehealth services: Expand remote patient care to reduce transportation costs and improve access to services. Collaborate with managed care organizations: Negotiate lower healthcare costs through value-based contracts.</p>
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			Cheryl L Bonacci	
			Esther Y Yim	



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			Justin Miller	
			Michael Graff-Weisner	<p>Chrysalis supports DEO's request for funding for the LA:RISE program. At a time when the need for these services continues to grow, it is critical that we sustain and expand programs like LA:RISE. The Measure H budget proposes cutting over \$6m dollars in funding to the program, which would undermine progress made toward addressing systemic inequities and leave thousands of individuals without the support they need to rebuild their lives. We respectfully urge your support to preserve critical funding for LA:RISE through either the Homeless Initiative budget or other funding streams at the county for FY 2025-26.</p>
			Phillip Kim	In support of Justice Care and Opportunities Department
			Shirin Senegal	<p>We support the funding request to allow JCOD year 4 funding. We are recipients of year two and have been able to support individuals to secure jobs, advance their education and access mental health services. Investment in rehabilitation changes lives, builds safer communities and is fiscally responsible. JCOD with the support of Amity Foundation has created a powerful eco system that is rooted in communities.</p>
			Shirin Senegal	



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BUDG-1A.		Oppose	Alexandra L Carcier	<p>Last year alone, Los Angeles County taxpayers were forced to pay over \$100 million in litigation costs due to sheriff misconduct for things like excessive force, jail conditions, and malicious prosecution. This staggering figure includes judgments, settlements, and attorney fees—money that could have been invested in our communities instead of covering for abuses of power.</p> <p>Rather than holding the Sheriff’s Department accountable, the county continues to pour billions into their departmental budget while critical public services like mental health care, youth programming, and critical care-based programs remain underfunded.</p> <p>Enough is enough.</p> <p>We must demand that the L.A. County Board of Supervisors oppose the Sheriff’s bloated budget request and invest our taxpayer dollars toward investments that actually keep us safe—services that prevent and reduce harm and support our communities.</p>
			Alice Pavlisko	I strongly oppose any additional funds going to LA Sheriff’s Department. It is mind-boggling that instead of holding the Sheriff’s Department accountable for any of the misconduct they are guilty of, you want to pump MORE money to them. There is SOOOO much data available that shows in order for communities to thrive, they need LESS surveillance and harassment by law enforcement and MORE funds that benefit the community - housing, mental health care, community services, education, libraries, clean water and air. Stop not only protecting abuses of power but rewarding it with more funds. LA Sheriff’s Department and LAPD are defunding our city.
			Andrea Beauchamp	Oppose item 10 sunshine landfill
			Ann Dorsey	Please decrease the Sheriff Department budget so more funds will go to programs such as Care First that keep us safer and help the community.
			Ari Wood	I do not support my tax dollars being used to cover up sheriff misconduct. Last year \$100,000,000 of our tax dollars went towards covering up cases of excessive force, jail abuses, and wrongful prosecution. This money should have been used for housing, mental health services, and initiatives that directly serve our community. Please oppose this resolution as it prioritizes covering up abuses of power instead of services that would directly benefit our community.
			Daniel Rodriguez	Rather than direct funds to policing, maintain that budget for supportive Care First services and programs rooted in healing and restoration like re-entry services, job development and more empowering opportunities



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BUDG-1A.		Oppose	Deborah DePuy	Enough is enough. We must demand that the L.A. County Board of Supervisors oppose the Sheriff's bloated budget request and invest our taxpayer dollars toward investments that actually keep us safe—services that prevent and reduce harm and support our communities.
			Elizabeth Smit	The current budget includes an overwhelming amount of \$\$ for the Sheriff's department, even though the department cost taxpayers over \$100 million in litigation costs because of sheriff misconduct. That's \$100 million we could have spent on environmental initiatives, public health, helping people struggling with homelessness, and any number of programs that protect and strengthen our communities across the county. We need to be funding programs that actually help Angelenos, and not pouring money into a department that has never been held accountable for its abuses of power against us. Thank you.
			Laura Ferretti	I oppose the Sherrif Department's budget request
			Lianna Torosyan	
			Lisa Coatlicue	With the LASD continuing to lead the nation in homicides, more deputy gangs forming, and more deputies committing criminal acts, the public has zero faith in this department. It should have been abolished a long time ago. After Ryan Twymann was murdered, after Andres Guardado was murdered, after Anthony Vargas was murdered, after Francisco Nuñez was arrested by the LASD and then found dead a week after he was picked up by sheriff's deputies, why does anyone trust this agency at all? Stop funding these terrorists using our tax dollars and stop feeding these mobsters. LASD will never be satisfied until they bankrupt the county of Los Angeles like the LAPD bankrupted the city of L.A.
			Michael McFadden	Last year alone, Los Angeles County taxpayers were forced to pay over \$100 million in litigation costs due to sheriff misconduct for things like excessive force, jail conditions, and malicious prosecution. This staggering figure includes judgments, settlements, and attorney fees—money that could have been invested in our communities instead of covering for abuses of power. I request that the L.A. County Board of Supervisors oppose the Sheriff's bloated budget request and invest our taxpayer dollars toward investments that actually keep us safe—services that prevent and reduce harm and support our communities.



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BUDG-1A.		Oppose	Sarah Bowers	<p>Rather than holding the Sheriff's Department accountable, the county continues to pour billions into their departmental budget while critical public services like mental health care, youth programming, and critical care-based programs remain underfunded.</p> <p>Enough is enough.</p> <p>We must demand that the L.A. County Board of Supervisors oppose the Sheriff's bloated budget request and invest our taxpayer dollars toward investments that actually keep us safe—services that prevent and reduce harm and support our communities.</p>
			Stephane Alcantar	<p>Year after year the BOS votes to approve an inflated budget for the sheriff, while your constituents suffer from a lack of affordable housing, mental healthcare and public health services, public transportation, youth development, food instability, a ruptured infrastructure, and increasingly militarized policing that disproportionately harms poor people of color. People are suffering, and we need to stop investing in oppressive carceral systems, and invest in care first initiatives and programs. We need to fully fund CFCI/Measure J. Please oppose the sheriff's bloated budget request and fully fund CFCI.</p>
			Stephen Brantley	<p>I demand that the L.A. County Board of Supervisors oppose the Sheriff's bloated budget request and invest our taxpayer dollars toward investments that actually keep us safe—services that prevent and reduce harm and support our communities. Measure J must be fully implemented as it was intended!</p>
			Valerie Albicker	<p>Oppose Sheriff's budget. Funds should be allocated towards public services instead of underfunding.</p>



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		Other	Charles Vignola	<p>Dear Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, I am writing on behalf of the coalition to express our strong support for the proposed budget for the Justice Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD). We urge the county to maintain funding at the proposed levels to ensure the continued success and expansion of vital programs that positively impact justice-involved communities and the broader Los Angeles County population. LARRP is the largest network of service providers in the county, working with hundreds of organizations and service providers across Los Angeles County to provide supportive services to the reentry community. We have worked extensively with JCOD and are happy to help support their funding priorities. Key programs such as Specialized Treatment and Optimization Programming (STOP), the Care First and Community Investment Program (CFCI), and LA County Training Center (Firefighter Training Program) play a crucial role in providing critical opportunities and supports for individuals transitioning back into our communities.</p> <p>These initiatives not only provide essential services to those who have been impacted by the justice system but also foster a spirit of rehabilitation and reintegration.</p> <p>Over the past three years, the CFCI has successfully distributed significant funding to numerous Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) across various districts. This support has allowed these organizations to reach populations that may have otherwise been underserved, creating a more equitable landscape for community engagement and support. The assistance in managing insurance and County contracting processes has empowered these CBOs to thrive while delivering critical services. In order to continue to demonstrate these successful outcomes, additional funding for Year 4 is critical.</p> <p>In light of the passage of Proposition 36, there is a significant need for increased funding to sustain and support these services in JCOD. This</p>



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			<p>funding is essential to implement the necessary support systems and resources that will help individuals transition back into their communities successfully. By investing in JCOD, we are investing in a safer, healthier, and more equitable Los Angeles.</p> <p>We would also like to see an investment in Warm Landing Place, the reintegration center they are trying to build across from Men's Central Jail that will provide a unique opportunity to ensure proper community transitions. We believe that continued funding for JCOD will lead to long-term benefits for both justice-involved individuals and the broader community, ultimately contributing to a reduction in recidivism rates and enhancing public safety. Thank you for considering our request to support the JCOD budget. We look forward to your continued commitment to fostering justice and opportunities for all residents of Los Angeles County.</p> <p>If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at troyvaughn@lareentry.org.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Troy Vaughn Co-Founder & Executive Director, Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership</p>
		<p>CHRISTIAN TRIGUEROS</p>	<p>FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS ESPECIALLY PUBLIC DEFENDERS I hope this letter finds you well. As the appointed Arts in Public Places Advisory Commissioner since 2019, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding recent findings that highlight unconstitutional activities within our city's law enforcement union. These activities not only undermine public trust but also pose significant threats to the safety and well-being of our Hispanic and Chicano communities in their schools, workplaces, and homes.</p> <p>Urgency of Research and Development</p> <p>In my capacity as Commissioner, I have been dedicated to fostering cultural enrichment and community engagement through the arts. However, recent research indicates systemic issues within our law enforcement that adversely affect the very communities we aim to uplift. It is imperative that we address these concerns promptly to ensure that our initiatives are not overshadowed by misconduct and to maintain the integrity of our city's commitment to its residents.</p> <p>Unconstitutional Activities Identified</p> <p>Investigations have revealed instances of misconduct among certain members of our law enforcement. Such actions not only violate the constitutional rights of our citizens but also erode the foundational trust between the community and those sworn to protect it. Notably, the 1992 Kolts Commission Report identified the presence of deputy gangs within the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, particularly in areas predominantly occupied by minority groups.</p> <p>PPIC.ORG</p>



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Applicable Laws and Enforcement Measures

To address and rectify these issues, the following legal frameworks can be enforced:

California Penal Code Section 832.5: Mandates that each law enforcement agency establish a procedure to investigate complaints against its personnel. This ensures that allegations of misconduct are thoroughly examined and appropriately addressed.
OAG.CA.GOV

California Penal Code Section 148.6: Affirms the right of individuals to file complaints against police officers for improper conduct and requires agencies to have procedures in place to investigate such complaints.
CODES.FINDLAW.COM

California Penal Code Section 13510.8: Allows for the consideration of a peace officer's prior conduct and service record in evaluating whether to revoke certification for incidents under investigation.
LAW.JUSTIA.COM

Recommended Actions

In light of these findings, I urge the following actions:

Immediate Investigation: Initiate a comprehensive investigation into the alleged misconduct within our law enforcement agencies, ensuring transparency and accountability throughout the process.

Policy Implementation: Develop and enforce policies that prevent misconduct, promote ethical behavior, and protect the constitutional rights of all residents.

Community Engagement: Foster open dialogues between law enforcement and the Hispanic and Chicano communities to rebuild trust and ensure collaborative efforts in maintaining public safety.

Training and Education: Implement regular training programs focused on cultural competency, constitutional rights, and ethical policing to prevent future instances of misconduct.

By taking these steps, we can uphold the principles of justice and equality that our city stands for and ensure the protection and prosperity of all our residents.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I am committed to working collaboratively to address these issues and am available to discuss further actions at your earliest convenience.

Elizabeth Stine

			Katelynn Harvey	Goodwill Southern California supports DEO's request for funding for the LA:RISE program. At a time when the need for these services continues to grow, it is critical that we sustain and expand programs like LA:RISE. The Measure H budget proposes cutting over \$6m dollars in funding to the program, which would undermine progress made toward addressing systemic inequities and leave thousands of individuals without the support they need to rebuild their lives. We respectfully urge your support to preserve critical funding for LA:RISE through either the Homeless Initiative budget or other funding streams at the county for FY 2025-26.
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Phillip Kim, Advisor, Education & Equity
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